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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references listed are also enclosed. The references were identified in a search conducted by the European Patent Office in connection with the basic application No. PA 1999 00317 DK, and a search conducted in the PCT application. Appendix A including a summary of data pertaining to the references and characterization of relevance thereof is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited on the Form PTO-1449 and that the Examiner indicate that the references have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449, with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609.

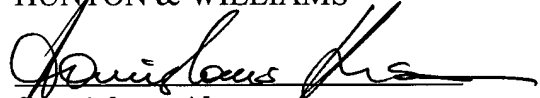
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